



5 regional meetings will be held where representatives of the private sector, professional organizations and public institutions from Türkiye's 17 leading export provinces will come together. By increasing inter-institutional cooperation in these meetings, it is aimed to support the understanding and skills of these institutions in complying with human rights and child rights standards in their supply chains.



📌 Top exporting provinces in Türkiye

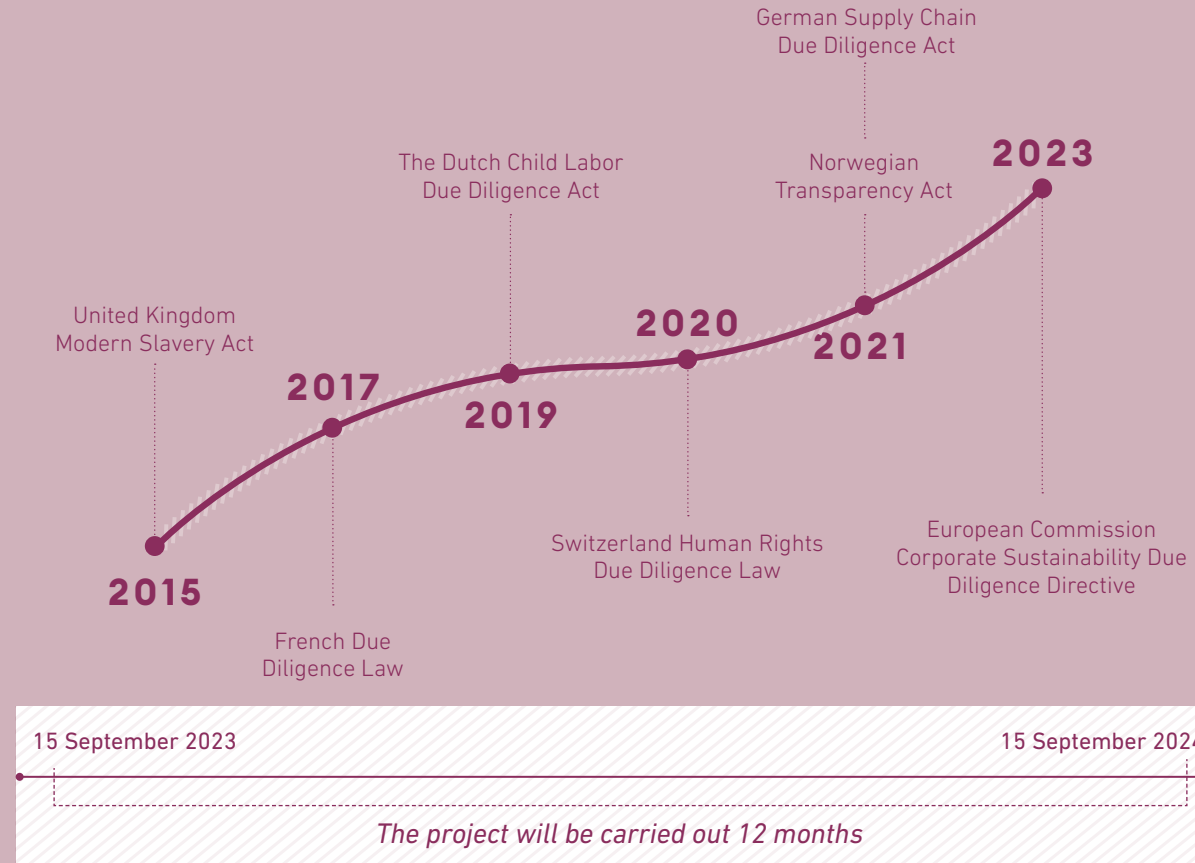
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Diyarbakır
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WHEN?

Due diligence regulations for responsible business practices



The Development Workshop (DW) is a non-profit cooperative established to develop and implement programs in the field of governance, social development, education and child rights. In 2015, DW began to work on human rights compliance in the supply chains and carried out various projects including development of guides, monitoring models and training content in this area. In 2022, the Business and Human Rights Working Group was established within the DW to contribute to responsible business practices at the national and international levels.



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Corporate Human Rights Responsibility of Small and Medium Size Enterprises in Türkiye



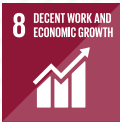
WHAT?

Development Workshop Business and Human Rights Working Group, with the financial support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands MATRA program, is launching a study that prioritizes strengthening responsible business practices in Türkiye.

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WHY?

This project will help to strengthen the capacities of small and medium-sized companies in Türkiye to meet international due diligence standards through equipping them with an effective tool on how to integrate human rights and child rights into their business operations. The project aims to help businesses strengthen their capacity to meet international due diligence standards by equipping them with an effective tool on how to change their business activities in a way that respects human and children's rights.



The project links directly to the **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8**. Also aligns with the target (8.8) for the protection of labour rights and promotion of safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.

WHO?

Business enterprises have a crucial role in protecting the human rights of their **employees, consumers and communities**. Following the endorsement of UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in 2011, a number of countries, including the Netherlands, Germany, France and the UK have introduced normative provisions on responsible business practices, which are expected to have a substantial impact on the trade relations at the international levels.

- France introduced the “French Corporate Duty of Vigilance Law” in 2017 which requires large companies in France to identify and prevent risks to human rights that could occur as a result of their business activities.
- The Netherlands enacted the “Child Labour Due Diligence Law” in 2019 that requires companies selling goods and services to Dutch end-users to determine whether child labour occurs in their supply chains.
- German Parliament passed the “Supply Chain Due Diligence Act” in 2021 that requires large companies to make sure social and environmental standards are observed in their supply chain.

These will be especially important for developing countries like Türkiye and the small and medium-sized companies in these countries as they may have limited capacity and resources to ensure compliance with these new requirements.

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WHAT TO DO?



ACTOR MAP

Preparation of an actor map that will strengthen companies' capacities in terms of meeting global human rights and child rights standards in Türkiye.



EXPERIENCE SHARING MEETINGS

Conducting a series of online meetings to learn about the experiences of businesses in Europe, to listen to their expectations regarding the potential impacts of new normative instruments on exporting companies, and to develop a better understanding of the expectations of companies in Türkiye on this subject.



BEST PRACTICE REPORT

Preparation of a report showing in detail how a selected company has developed a rights-sensitive approach and taken effective measures to comply with international standards throughout the supply chain.



GUIDE

Preparation of a detailed guide for small and medium-sized enterprises in Türkiye to integrate human rights and children's rights into their commercial activities.



REGIONAL MEETINGS

Organizing 5 regional meetings where relevant institutions from 17 leading export provinces of Türkiye will come together in order to introduce the guide and other materials developed throughout the project and to strengthen their understanding and skills in complying with human rights and child rights standards in supply chains.



DISSEMINATION

Preparation of a multifaceted dissemination plan to widely share all results and outputs of the project with all relevant institutions and actors.

WHAT ARE THE OUTPUTS?

- **Information Package** that will guide small and medium-sized enterprises in Türkiye towards more responsible business practices.
- Small and medium-sized exporting enterprises in Türkiye will have a better understanding and capacity to respect human rights and children's rights standards and integrate them into their business practices.
- Strengthening partnerships that can enable future collaborations to advance responsible business practices in Türkiye.

Information Package Content



WHERE?

3 EU countries

Netherlands
 Germany
 France

France, the Netherlands and Germany are among Türkiye's top five trading partners in the EU and among the top three countries with normative provisions on responsible business practices.

